

Abstract of the Disclosure

Dairy or non-dairy based fortified carbonated beverage solutions that supply essential nutrients in the human diet. The solution contains per 354 ml, calcium, magnesium and potassium ions in the form of salts and optionally vitamins A, D, C and folic acid in specified amounts to provide dietary supplementation. Sweeteners, stabilizers, flavors and carbonation can also be added to enhance flavor, taste, mouth-feel, ingredient solubilization and product appearance. A method of making the beverages is also described. A method of using carbonation to reduce bacterial counts from milk-based beverages with or without pasteurization is also disclosed.